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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Final Office Action dated August 18, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-32 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-32 have been rejected.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Current Status of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.